

# FACILITIES IN KINGS CANYON PARK & USFS

## Grant Grove Area

### GRANT GROVE VILLAGE

6600' (2008 m) elevation. This was originally General Grant National Park, created in 1890 to protect sequoias from logging. Here are both a pristine grove & one that was logged in the 1800s.

#### INFORMATION

- **Kings Canyon Park Visitor Center (NPS):** Daily 8am-6pm. Exhibits, 15-minute movie in English & Spanish. Books, maps, first aid, bear canisters. Local wilderness permits issued until ½-hour before closing. 1-559-565-4307.

#### FOOD & SHOPS (KCPS)

- **Restaurant:** Daily 7am-2pm & 5-9pm.
- **Gift Shop & Market:** Daily 8am-9pm. Souvenirs, film, clothing, ATM. Market sells food & other supplies, sandwiches, bear canisters, & cans of emergency gasoline.

#### OTHER SERVICES

- **Camping & Lodging:** See page 10-11. Lodge front desk 8am to midnight.
- **Post Office:** Hours may vary. Monday-Friday 9am-3:30 pm; Saturday 10-noon. Lobby open 24 hours. Send mail for visitors to: c/o General Delivery, Kings Canyon NP, CA 93633. 1-559-335-2499.
- **Stables - Horseback Riding:** Details on page 3.
- **Pay Telephones:** Available 24 hours at Kings Canyon Visitor Center (booth by front door); & outside gift shop, market, & post office. Cell phone signals are usually poor.

## In the Kings Canyon

*Highway 180 from Hume Lake Junction into the canyon is open until mid-November.*

### CEDAR GROVE VILLAGE

4600' (1410 m) elevation. This glaciated valley features towering granite cliffs, tumbling waterfalls, and the powerful Kings River — “a rival to the Yosemite,” according to John Muir.

#### INFORMATION

- **Visitor Center (NPS):** Daily 9am-5pm. Books, maps, first aid, bear canisters. 1-559-565-3793.
- **Wilderness Permits (NPS):** At Road's End, 6 miles (9.6km) east of the village. Daily 7am-3pm daily. No permits issued after 2:45pm. Maps, bear canisters.

#### FOOD, LODGING & SHOPS (KCPS)

- **Restaurant:** Counter-service meals & snack bar; not a full-service restaurant. Daily 7am-2pm & 5-8pm. Lunch supplies at market.
- **Gift Shop & Market:** Salads, sandwiches, supplies, bear canisters, souvenirs, film. Daily 7am-9pm.

#### OTHER SERVICES

- **Camping & Lodging:** See pages 10-11.
- **Showers:** Daily 7am-1pm & 3-7pm.
- **Pay Telephones:** Outside lodge & ranger station.
- **Horseback Riding:** Details on page 3.

## Paying Your Entrance Fee at Kings Canyon in Grant Grove

Pay the required park and forest entrance fee at the Big Stump Entrance Station, now located just off road near the park boundary.

Please stop to purchase or show your pass. One fee is good for visiting *both* parks *and* the forest!

## USFS: National Forest & Monument

### HUME LAKE & BIG MEADOWS AREAS (FS)

Giant Sequoia National Monument, part of Sequoia National Forest, borders much of the western edge of these National Parks. You are in National Forest when you drive between park areas Lodgepole and Grant Grove, and between Grant Grove and Cedar Grove (see page 2, Parks and Forests). Sold to the government as a Forest Reserve in 1935, it is an excellent place to see sequoias recovering from intensive logging in the late 1800s.

**PAY TELEPHONES** (cell-phone signals are usually poor):

- **Between Wuksachi Village & Grant Grove:** Summer only at Stony Creek Resort & Big Meadows trailhead.
- **Between Grant Grove & Cedar Grove:** Hume Lake (year round; see *Hume Lake* below); Kings Canyon Lodge (summer only).

#### INFORMATION

- **USFS Hume Lake District Office (FS):** 35860 Kings Canyon Road (Hwy 180) in Dunlap, 19 miles (31 km) west of Kings Canyon park entrance at Big Stump. Open 1st Saturday of the month through September, 8am-4:30pm. Maps & books sold. 1-559-338-2251; [www.fs.fed.us/r5/sequoia](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sequoia).

#### LODGING & OTHER SERVICES

- **Camping (FS) & Lodging (private):** See pages 10 & 11 for details.
- **Montecito Lake Resort (FS permittee):** Open all year. A resort on public land. On Generals Highway 9 miles (14.5km) south of Grant Grove. Breakfast 7:30-9am, lunch 12-1:30pm, dinner 5:30-7pm. Cabins, hotel, activities. 1-800-227-9900 or 1-559-565-3388.
- **Hume Lake:** Year-round private facilities open to public: 24-hour **laundry** (coin operated) & **gas station** (with credit card). **Market & snack shop.** North of Grant Grove 8 miles (13km) on Hwy 180, then right on Hume Lake Road 3 miles (5km). 1-559-335-2000.
- **Boyden Cavern:** On Highway 180 between Grant Grove & Cedar Grove. Daily tours on the hour 10am-5pm. Gift shop. Ask about evening flashlight tours & guided canyoneering trips. Ages 14 & up \$13; 3-13 \$6.50; under 3 free. AAA 10% discount. *Senior and Access Interagency Pass discounts do not apply.* Schools & other group reservations: 1-559-338-0959.
- **Stony Creek Village (FS):** On Generals Highway south of Grant Grove. Daily: Market 8am-7pm (8pm Friday-Saturday); restaurant 4:30-7:30pm (8:30pm on Friday-Saturday). Showers/laundry. Gasoline 24 hours with credit card. 1-866-KCANYON; 1-559-565-3909.

#### GASOLINE SALES on FOREST LANDS

- At Hume Lake year-round; Stony Creek and Kings Canyon Lodge late spring through early fall. See page 3 for details.

## FREE NATURE PROGRAMS

See bulletin boards for details & more programs. Non-campers welcome at campfires!

### IN GRANT GROVE:

- **Daily Grant Tree Walks:** 2 pm. Meet at the start of the Grant Tree Trail.
- **Nightly evening programs:** Join us in the Sunset Campground Amphitheater for programs about various aspects of these parks. Time & topics vary; check locally.



### IN CEDAR GROVE:

- **Walks, talks, & campfire programs:** Activities take place regularly. Come learn more about these amazing parks.
- **South Fork Clean Up,** sponsored by Friends of the South Fork Kings. Call (916) 601-9954 for dates and information.